Rome Tues Nov 22. 1864

My dear Tom

This is to say that a fortnight since I sent a £5 note in halves to Marcia & you by the same post. Thro' in diverse letters & I trust that she has got it all safe for Miss Winter who is staying with us has lost two halfs of 2 £10 notes by the post tho' We can recover as the 1st halfs will present at the Bank of England to day will & tell me if you have got them for I am now like a Porcupine sitting on thorns —

We are all done up with rain rain & the rail ways done up

too of the silly Romans asking such prices for them lodgings that our people are stopping on the road for a better state of things or to sail & lodging

Did I tell you of my artistic speculation of Mary Magdalen is just about to be drawn in chalk by an Roman artist for the object of a large Photo print to be published by me like an engraving (28 inches by 15) & to be dedicated to Cardinal Antonelli with his arms engraved in the old style — I can sell it at 5 Shillings or rather I shall try & sell the copyright & some subscriptions I shall have done in colours & I did a little Giorgione the outline, will be tasteful & I may

reap a good harvest for the pictures
takes here immensely — do tell me
what you think of my project —
you see a chalk drawn comes out
even better than the original than
the Photo will ever "come it" with
an oil picture — I shall do them also
in oil picture — The Brigands are becoming alarming
even about Rome two double the Pope
has entered a protest evil on all Italy
in raising these reactionists for the
Erecting of Naples — now they begin
to turn back upon Rome itself yet
Something may be soon decided, or I
shall not be able to go to the Royal Villa
in the Summer for dis exposed to the
mountains — Am I taken Ed wrote me the

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Your loving brother Joe

Rome Wed Jan 14 1865

My dear Monica

a line in haste to say that I have £5 for you at the Bankers only wait a Bank note to send it you the same way as the last for I dont like that dear Tom should have the trouble of going to the P.O. — This I send by the Queens Messenger — your charming note was a great pleasure to me & I read it many times & hope

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